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SUBJ: PEKING SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION

1. ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN PEKING, WHO WAS GIVEN INFORMATION DURING A BRIEFING ON THE PEKING SUBWAY, COMPLETION OF THE 20-KILOMETER EXPANSION TO THE SUBWAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM 1978 TO 1980 BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF CEMENT AND STEEL. THE 10,000 PEOPLE ORIGINALLY EMPLOYED ON THE PROJECT WERE DRASTICALLY REDUCED, AND MOST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER WORK BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGES. TOTAL COST WAS ESTIMATED AT 20 MILLION RMB PER KILOMETER, OR 4000 MILLION RMB. THERE HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL COST OVERRUNS, WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR THE PRC.

2. THE SYSTEM NOW CARRIES 80,000 PASSENGERS A DAY ON THE LINE RUNNING WEST FROM THE CENTER OF PEKING, AND RUNS ONE TRAIN EVERY EIGHT MINUTES. THE ORIGINAL DESIGN WAS FOR ONE TRAIN EVERY ONE AND A HALF MINUTES, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS DUE TO PROBLEMS WITH AUTOMATION.

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3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO VISIBLE PROGRESS ON THE PORTION OF THE SUBWAY NEAR USLO IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. AT THIS RATE, PEKING AND WASHINGTON WILL BE NECK IN NECK.

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